

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC PRUNING OF SEARCH
ENGINE INDICES**

A method, apparatus, and computer instructions for
5 pruning search engine indices. A notification is
received from a client browser that a Web page retrieval
error occurred for a Web page or that the Web page no
longer contains selected keywords. In response to
receiving the notification, the Web page is automatically
10 deleted from the search engine indices. This automatic
deletion may occur upon receiving the notice from the
browser or after receiving some threshold number of
notifications from browsers.

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